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Subject: Knowing Christ.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Preaching on the above theme at the Irving Square Presbyterian Church, Hamburg avenue and Decatur street, the Rev. Dr. Ira Wemmell Henderson, pastor, took as his text Luke 24:31: "And their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, was not our heart burning within us while He spake to us [in the way, while He opened to us the Scriptures]?"

If there is any one thing for which I am at all envious it is that I might have had, in God's providence, the same opportunity that those men had to talk face to face with Jesus, to have had an intimate, personal, humanly perceived knowledge of His results in the bodily sense. I envy not to any one else but to those whom I am envious, it is those disciples, who from time to time were with Him during His ministering hours, who knew Him as a man, who could look upon Him as He has gone home; those men who heard Him speak, who could put into His face while He spoke to them, who could look upon Him as He broke their own language which they were apt to learn from the lips of their mother. And while I am cognizant of the fact that we have, potentially, in the hands presented knowledge of His results in the bodily sense, I envy not to any one else but to those to